#### 110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

# S. RES. 563

Designating September 13, 2008, as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day".

#### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 13, 2008

Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## **RESOLUTION**

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- Whereas more than 10,000 children under the age of 15 in the United States are diagnosed with cancer annually;
- Whereas every year more than 1,400 children under the age of 15 in the United States lose their lives to cancer;
- Whereas childhood cancer is the number one disease killer and the second overall leading cause of death of children in the United States;
- Whereas 1 in every 330 children under the age of 20 will develop cancer, and 1 in every 640 adults aged 20 to 39 has a history of cancer;
- Whereas the 5-year survival rate for children with cancer has increased from 56 percent in 1974 to 79 percent in 2000,

representing significant improvement from previous decades; and

Whereas cancer occurs regularly and randomly and spares no racial or ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region: Now, therefore, be it

### 1 Resolved, That Congress—

- 2 (1) designates September 13, 2008, as "Na-3 tional Childhood Cancer Awareness Day";
- 4 (2) requests that the Federal Government, 5 States, localities, and nonprofit organizations ob-6 serve the day with appropriate programs and activi-7 ties, with the goal of increasing public knowledge of 8 the risks of cancer; and
  - (3) recognizes the human toll of cancer and pledges to make its prevention and cure a public health priority.

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